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SUBJECT: HIDALGO TEXAS MIGRANT LABOR INCIDENT - EDITORIAL REACTION

REF: MEXICO 4693

1. INFLUENTIAL MEXICO CITY DAILY EXCELSIOR PREDICTABLY TIED HIDALGO SHOOTING INCIDENT TO GENERAL PROBLEM OF ALLEGED ABUSES OF MEXICAN MIGRANT LABOR IN MAY 31 EDITORIAL. ALTHOUGH ONLY AN EXTREME CASE, EDITORIALIST ARUGUED, INCIDENT SHOWED HOW GRAVE SUCH ABUSES COULD BECOME WHEN MIGRANTS REPRESENTED NO MORE THAN CHEAP LABOR TO FARM OWNERS.

2. PLIGHT OF MIGRANTS WAS RECITED: UNJUST SALARIES, UNSANITARY LIVING CONDITIONS, DENIAL OF BASIC LABOR GUARANTEES, WAGE FRAUD, AND DENUNCIATION TO INS WHEN IT SUITED FARMERS' CONVENIENCE. IT WAS THEREFORE ALTOGETHER PROPER THAT GOM FONSEC RABASA HAD ORDERED ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS AND DEMANDED PROSECUTION OF WRONGDOERS BY U.S. AUTHORITIES, SAID EDITORIALIST.

3. LESSON WAS AN IMPORTANT ONE FOR ALL MEXICANS, AND NOT JUST GOM: CAMPESINOS MUST BE HELPED AND ENCOURAGED TO STAY ON THEIR OWN LANDS IN MEXICO.

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GREATER INVESTMENT IN COUNTRYSIDE AND CREATION OF

DECENT RURAL LIVING CONDITIONS IN MEXICO WERE  
URGENTLY NEEDED TO ELIMINATE DEPLORABLE CAUSES OF  
HUMILATING MIGRATION " WHICH WAS OBVIOUSLY LESS  
ADVANTAGEOUS ((TO THOSE WHO MIGRATED)) THAN IT MAY HAVE  
APPEARED TO BE FROM AFAR."

4. EXCELSIOR'S AFTERNOON EDITION MAY 30 HEADLINES  
"TENSION IN TEXAS" OVER ITS LEAD ARTICLE, WHICH REPORTED  
TEN THOUSAND MEXICAN AND CHICANO LABORERS UNDER UFW LEADERSHIP  
WERE CONDUCTING "STAND-IN" STRIKE IN FACE OF THREATS FROM ARMED  
FARM OWNERS.  
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